

NOTED COLEOPTERISTS DIE

HANS WAGNER, the famous specialist on the subfamilies Apioninae and Ceutorrhynchinae (Curculionidae), born in Wien in May 1884, died in Berlin April 10, 1949, of starvation. He had also worked on the Coleoptera-fauna of the province of Mark-Brandenburg. Through unfortunate circumstances he lost his great collections twice; first in 1936, and again at the end of the war in Berlin in 1945.

He had published many articles about the systematics, biology, and ecology of the weevils. Some of his systematic works are:

Coleopterorum Catalogus, pars 6, Curculionidae: Apioninae. 1910.

Genera Insectorum, fasc. 130, Curculionidae: Apioninae. 1912.

VACLAR MACHULKA, Ingenieur, died on June 20, 1949, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He worked especially on Scydmaenidae and Pselaphidae of the palearctic region, and later in the difficult family Staphylinidae of the same region. His great Scydmaenidae, Pselaphidae, Staphylinidae, Ptiliidae, and Choleva collection has gone to the Prager National Museum.

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NOTES ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF BRUCHUS BRACHIALIS FAHRAEUS AND MALACHIUS AENEUS (L.)

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The writer has lived and collected in the State of Washington for the past year. In going over the 1949 catch this past winter, he found a large number of the genus *Bruchus* present. These turned out to be *B. brachialis* Fähr., the hairy-vetch bruchid, as identified by Mr. C. A. Frost. This species was taken in large numbers by sweeping vetch during the months of April, May, and June in the wheat and pea country of eastern Washington. On several bright warm days in mid-October, many specimens were also taken from the sides of houses in the city of Pullman along with various flea-beetles and members of the genus *Scymnus*. Perhaps all of these were looking for crevices in which to "hole up" for the winter.